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FIRST STEPS IN LANGUAGE

A PRIMER

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PREFACE

THE problem which confronts the American teacher in the Philippines is very different from any that has yet been solved in our own country. It is the problem of teaching printed symbols to children who constantly speak and hear a language radically unlike that which they are trying to learn, and who are unaccustomed to our ways of living and thinking and to the objects with which we are familiar.

A primer which is to be of use in this work must be suggestive and elastic enough to meet the needs of widely varying conditions. It must present as large a number of words as is practicable; it must furnish special opportunities for drill on phrases and idioms; and, most important of all, it must be thoroughly and carefully illustrated.

The accompanying lessons, prepared from material gathered by a resident in the Philippine Islands, consist of a series of graded exercises on subjects that are largely within the child's knowledge. The lists of words, scattered through the first pages, are to be printed on the

blackboard, explained, and used in the daily drill. This is an important part of any successful work. The lists will grow and vary, as circumstances favor, until they include the principal objects within the child's range of observation. The few that are given are simply indicative of the lines along which progress will be easy.

A manual of suggestions to teachers is furnished by the publishers of this book and will be found to be of practical help and value.

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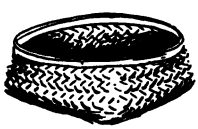
THE ALPHABET

A a an anchor

America

an ant

B b a basket



Bohol

a ball

THE ALPHABET

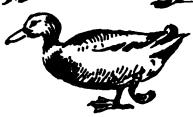
C c a cup

Ceylon

a cat

D d a dog

Dagatan



a duck

E e an eye

Egypt

an ear

F f a frog

France

a foot

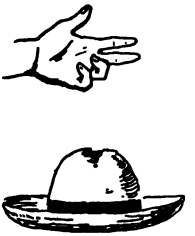
THE ALPHABET

G g a goat

Guadalupe a girl

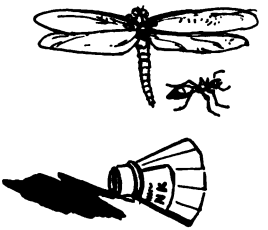
H h a hand

Halcon a hat



I i insects

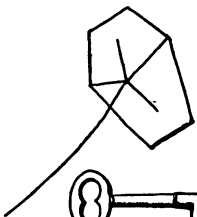
India ink



J j a jar

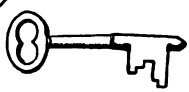
Japan a jacket

THE ALPHABET



K k a kite

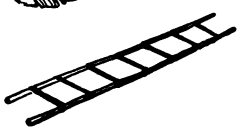
Key



a key

L l a leaf

Luzon



a ladder

M m the moon

Manila

a man

N n nuts

Negros

a nest

THE ALPHABET

O o an orange

Orient

an ox

P p a parrot

Pasig

a pot

Q q a queen

Queda

quill feathers

R r a rat

Russia

a rooster

THE ALPHABET

S s a snake

Samar

a sheep

T t a tree

Tagal

teeth

U u an umbrella

United States

an urn

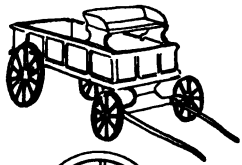
V v a village

Valencia

a vine

THE ALPHABET

W w a wagon



Washington

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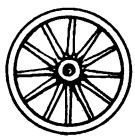
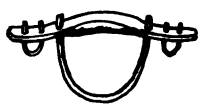


X x

Xulla

Y y a yoke



Yugo

Z z a zebra

Zebu

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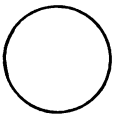

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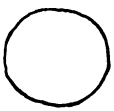
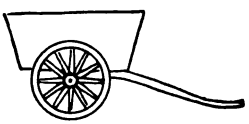


a yellow orange



a blue wagon

a green parrot

a purple kite

a brown umbrella

a black bird

a pink flower

BLACKBOARD EXERCISES

NOTE. These sentences are to be printed in type, not script forms, upon the blackboard. Colored crayons and simple outline drawings may be used.

This is a brown bird.

This is a blue ball.

This is a pink kite.

This is a green leaf.

This is a purple flower.

This is a red hat.

This is a white umbrella.

This is a yellow jar.

This is a blackboard.

BLACKBOARD EXERCISES

The bird is brown.
The ball is blue.
The hat is red.
The jar is yellow.
The leaf is green.
The umbrella is white.
I have a black umbrella.
You have a white jacket.
Juan has a white hat.
I have a white crayon.
We have some black ink.
You have a red crayon.
Who has a blue crayon?
Who has a yellow crayon?
The crayons are white.
The baskets are yellow.
The leaves are green.

EXERCISES IN READING

These flowers are red.

The leaves are green.

I see a small green leaf.

I see a large green leaf.

I see a small red flower.

I see a large red flower.

I see a red bud.

I see a green bud.

BLACKBOARD EXERCISES

The ball is blue.
The ball is round.

The anchor is black.
The anchor is heavy.

The orange is yellow.
The orange is round.
A wheel is round.

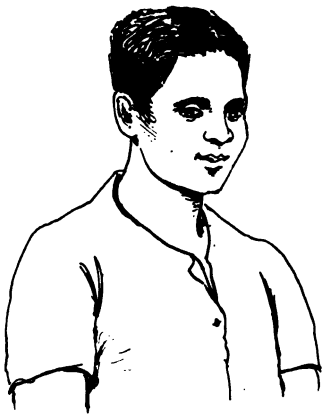
Print on the blackboard the answers to these oral questions.

What else is black?
What else is blue?
What else is yellow?
What else is heavy?
What else is round?

BLACKBOARD EXERCISES

This is José.
This is his jacket.
This is his hand.
This is his foot.
José's hair is black.
His teeth are white.
My teeth are white.
Is my hair black?
Is your jacket white?
Your eyes are brown.
This is José's hat.
That is Juan's hat.
This is my hand.
That is your hand.
Oranges are yellow.
Balls are round.
Anchors are heavy.

EXERCISES IN READING



I have two eyes.
I have two ears.
I have a mouth.
I have a nose.
I have two arms.

My hair is black and my eyes are brown.

My teeth are white and my lips are red.

Explain the following words:

face	girl	big
boy	man	little
house	name	good

EXERCISES IN READING

This is a woman.
This is her baby.
This is her house.
The baby is little.
The house is little.
The baby's name is Juan.
I see his little foot.
He is a good baby.
Have you a baby in your house?
Is the baby in your house a boy or a girl?
What is the baby's name?
What is your name?
What is my name?

BLACKBOARD EXERCISES

Explain the following words:

swim	roll	learn
run	fly	walk

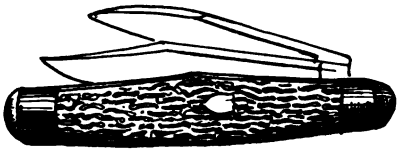
A duck can swim.
Can you swim?
Juan and José can run.
You can run.
A wheel can roll.
Balls can roll.
An orange can roll.
Round things can roll.
Birds can fly.
Can little birds fly?
Can a little baby run?
Birds learn to fly.
A baby learns to walk.
We learn to swim.

EXERCISES IN READING

This man is a farmer.
He has a spade and a hoe.
He has a plow.
The plow was made in America.
The man's hat was made in Manila.
What else is made in Manila?
What is made in America?
The man has a white jacket.

EXERCISES IN READING

This is a knife.



It is a good knife.

It was made in America.

What can you do with a knife?

What can you do with a plow?

What can you do with a spade?

What can you do with a hoe?

Print the following words on the blackboard:

cut	shut	listen
dig	open	take
find	in	
give	out	

EXERCISES IN READING

Who are you?

We are kittens.

We are good little kittens.

We are black and white and yellow.

We are in a basket.

See how round our eyes are!

We have white feet.

BLACKBOARD EXERCISES

school	book	study
teacher	pencil	play
room	may	read
desk	near	write

where	when
here	now

Where is my hat?
Here is your hat.
Where is your pencil?
Here is my pencil.
This is a big book.
That is a little book.
I have a little brown book.
It is in my desk.
Where is the big book?
It is in my hand.
When may I play with my ball?
You may play now.

EXERCISES IN READING

This is a fire.

The fire burns the sticks.

A man cut the sticks with his knife.

The sticks are bamboo.

What is made of bamboo?

table	under	come
floor	over	go
paper	up	stand
pen	down	sit down
penholder	on	try

too again

BLACKBOARD EXERCISES

NOTE. Ask questions which will bring out the following answers. The lesson may be lengthened by using other familiar words.

The ink is in a bottle.
The pen is in the penholder.
The book is on the table.
The basket is on the floor.
The pencil is under the chair.
I write on the blackboard.
I am writing now.
You are reading now.
I am writing with a crayon.
You can write with a pencil.
The chair is near the desk.
I am near the blackboard.
I am near you too.
I am standing now.
Now I am sitting down.

EXERCISES IN READING

This boy is a Filipino.
His name is Lorenzo.
He lives in Luzon.
He lives near Manila.
He has a white jacket.
Lorenzo goes to school.
He can read and write.
Lorenzo has a little sister.
Her name is Maria.
She is too little to go to school.
She has a red and green parrot.
She plays with the parrot when Lorenzo is at school.
The parrot's name is Felipe.
He can say "Maria" and "Lorenzo."

BLACKBOARD EXERCISES

A kite is made of paper.
An anchor is made of iron.
Some baskets are made of bamboo.

NOTE. Continue the lesson by writing the answers to the following questions :

What is your hat made of ?
What are ladders made of ?
What are my boots made of ?
What is an umbrella made of ?
Where is paper made ?
Where were my boots made ?
Where was this book made ?

is	was	has
are	were	have

Lorenzo has two hens. They are white hens. They lay eggs. Lorenzo made a house for his hens.

He made it of bamboo.

Lorenzo has a big white rooster too.

point	eraser	dark
talk	blotter	light
pick up	glass	day
put down	wall	night
erase	lock	morning

NUMBER WORK WITH SMALL STICKS

|	||	|||	||||	|||||
I	II	III	IV	V
1	2	3	4	5
||||| |	||||| ||	||||| |||	||||| ||||	||||| |||||
VI	VII	VIII	IX	X
6	7	8	9	10

| and | are ||. I and I are II.
| and || are |||. I and II are III.
| and ||| are ||||. I and III are IV.
| and |||| are |||||. I and IV are V.

$$1 + 1 = 2.$$
$$1 + 2 = 3.$$
$$1 + 3 = 4.$$
$$1 + 4 = 5.$$

NOTE. The use of Roman numerals is not to be advised, but a slight knowledge of them is essential.

EXERCISES IN READING

Who are you?

We are three little dogs.
We are brown and white dogs.
We have brown eyes.
We can play with a ball.
We can play with a stick.
We listen but we can not talk.

NUMBER WORK

NOTE. These exercises are outlines which teachers will fill in as their individual needs demand. It is important that the actual number should be recognized, as well as its name and symbol.

$1 + 2 + 1 = 4.$	$\|\|\|\| - \| = \|\|\|.$
$1 + 3 + 1 = 5.$	$\|\|\|\|\| - \|\| = \|\|\|.$
$1 + 4 + 1 = 6.$	$\|\|\|\| - \|\| = \|\|.$
$2 + 3 + 2 = 7.$	$\|\|\|\|\| - \|\|\| = \|\|.$
$2 + 1 + 3 = 6.$	$\|\|\|\|\| - \| = \|\|\|\|.$

$$6 - 4 = 2.$$
$$3 - 1 = 2.$$
$$5 - 4 = 1.$$
$$7 - 2 = 5.$$
$$5 - 2 = 3.$$

$$4 - 2 - 1 = 1.$$
$$6 - 2 - 2 = 2.$$

EXERCISES IN WRITING

NOTE. The words already learned in type should now be taught in the script form. The small letters of the script alphabet should be placed on the blackboard, and the writing exercise should become a part of the daily drill. The following words are suitable for the first lessons:

man	me	like
can	see	room
moon	make	swim
soon	made	run
sun	name	come

why	perhaps
rub	queen
dig	fence
live	jacket
ax	maize

EXERCISES IN READING

This is a whip.
It has a handle and a lash.
What is a whip used for?
What is a plow used for?
What is a hoe used for?
Plows and hoes have handles.
Some cups have handles.
A pail has a handle.
An ax has a handle.
What else has a handle?

Explain the following words:

sharp	pointed	smooth
dull	blunt	rough

EXERCISES IN READING

This is my parrot.

He has green feathers.

He is on a bamboo stick.

My parrot can talk.

He is a little parrot.

I like to play with my parrot.

He listens when I talk to him.

He rubs his head on my arm.

He is a young parrot.

Parrots live to be very old.

I am a little Filipino girl.

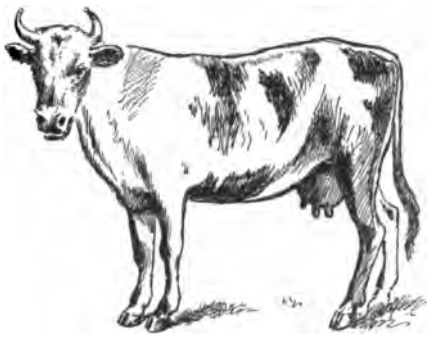
I am five years old.

EXERCISES IN WRITING

NOTE. One pupil should read these directions as written by the teacher, and the others, in turn, should obey them.

Please take the pencil.
Please open the door.
Please shut the book.
Please write your name.
Please stand near the window.
Please sit down in the chair.
Go to the table, please.
Find the pens, please.
Juan, give José a book.
Please give me a pencil.
Point to the blackboard.
Put your pencil on the desk.

EXERCISES IN READING



This is a cow.

She has horns.

She has a long tail.

She gives milk.

There are many cows in America.

What is made from cow's milk?

What do cows eat?

Have you seen a cow's teeth?

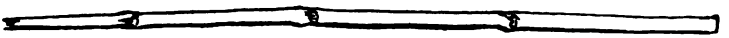
They are not like your teeth.

They are not like a dog's teeth.

Why are they not sharp and pointed?

BLACKBOARD EXERCISES

This stick is long.



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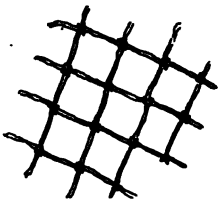
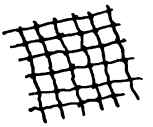


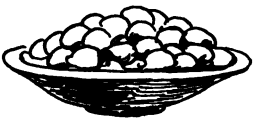
This net is coarse.

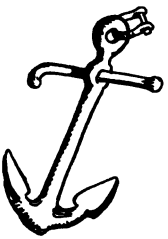
This net is fine.



This dish is empty.

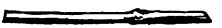
This dish is full.





An anchor is heavy.

Bamboo is light.



EXERCISES IN READING

Here are three chickens.

One of them is black.

One of them is yellow.

One of them is black and white.

They are not very big now.

They are not very old.

When they see the black hen they run to her.

They are her little chickens.

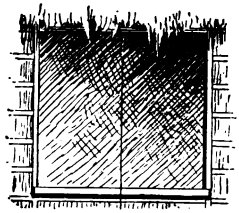
EXERCISES IN READING

This is a roof.

It is the roof of a house.

What is the roof made of?

What is the schoolhouse roof made of?



This is a window.

It is square.

Can you make a square window with your sticks?

Can you draw a square window on the blackboard?

EXERCISES IN READING

This is a house.

It has a high roof.

It has two square windows.

We see faces at the windows.

There is a baby and its mother.

We see the fence and vines and a ladder.

We see tall trees.

EXERCISES IN READING

This is a cane.

It is made of bamboo.

Bamboo is used for many things.

It is used for baskets and tables and chairs.

Some houses are made of bamboo.

Lamps and cups and pails are made of bamboo.

I have a penholder that is made of bamboo.

A Filipino can make his house and everything in it of bamboo.

He uses bamboo to make his fishing-traps.

He uses bamboo in many other ways.

EXERCISES IN READING

These are feet.

One is the foot of a man.

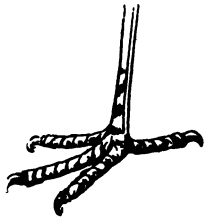
One is the foot of a frog.

One is the foot of a cow or a goat.

One is the foot of a bird.

How many toes has a man's foot?

How many toes has a frog's foot?



How many toes has a bird's foot?

How many feet has a frog?

EXERCISES IN WRITING

NOTE. The capital letters of the script alphabet should be placed on the blackboard. The following sentences may be used in the daily drill:

I can write my name.
Can you write your name?
My name is _____.
Where do you live?
I live in _____.
A week has seven days.
June has thirty days.
October has thirty-one days.

January	July
February	August
March	September
April	October
May	November
June	December

Here is another house.

How many men do you see?

Write the names of everything you can see in the picture.

What is this house made of?

EXERCISES IN WRITING

Sixty seconds are one minute.
Sixty minutes are one hour.
Seven days are one week.
Twelve months are one year.

Manila is a large city.
Luzon is larger than Negros.
Luzon is the largest island in the Philippines.

I am tall.
I am taller than Juan.
I am the tallest boy in school.

Sunday

Monday	Thursday
Tuesday	Friday
Wednesday	Saturday

EXERCISES IN READING

Here are two cows.
One is brown and white.
She has a white tail.
The other cow is black.
We can not see her face.
We can see her horns.
The brown and white cow is larger than the other.

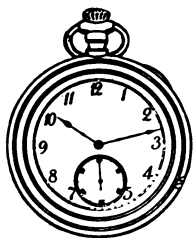
EXERCISES IN WRITING

NOTE. Explain and write on the blackboard these words:

thick	warm
thin	cold
high	pretty
low	ugly
strong	sweet
weak	sour
tall	true
short	untrue
clean	soft
dirty	hard
well	glad
ill	sorry
rough	right
smooth	wrong

EXERCISES IN READING

This is a watch.



What is it used for?

It is used to tell time.

What time is it by the watch?

What time is it by my watch?

Which is the right time?

What time is it by this clock?

There is another way to tell time.

We can tell time by the sun.

The sun is highest at noon.

The shadows are shortest then.

EXERCISES IN READING

See the inside of my watch.

The outside is smooth.

You can see little wheels and springs inside.

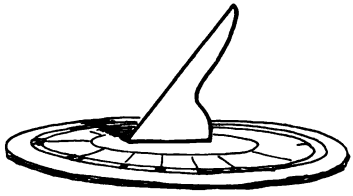
What is a spring?

These little springs make the hands go.

Show me the hands of the watch.

What is the face?

Watches need good care.



I take good care of my watch.

Where are watches made?

Long ago sun dials were used to tell time.

EXERCISES IN WRITING

A LETTER

MANILA, NOV. 8, 1901.

MR. HENRY JONES,

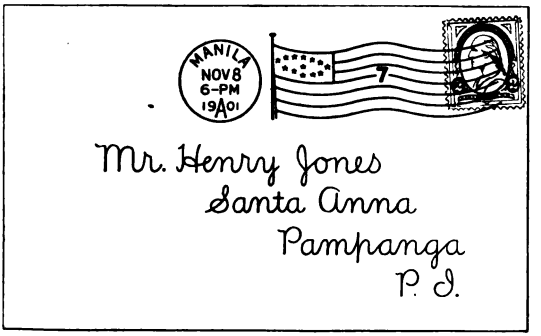
My dear Teacher:

You have been away six weeks. Our teacher has taught us many new words. I go to school every day.

When you come back we shall be glad to see you.

Yours truly,

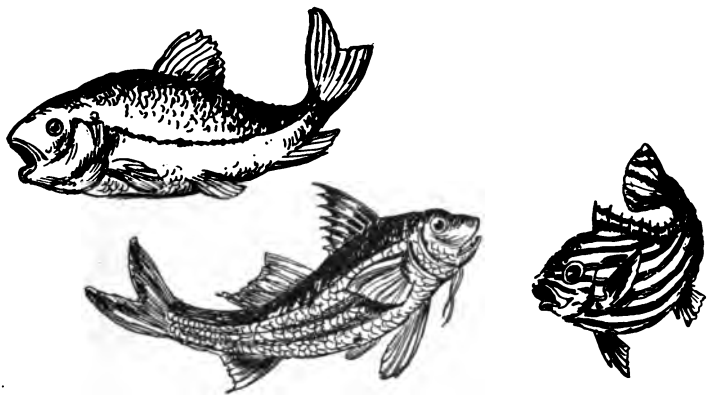
FRANCISCO NARANG.



EXERCISES IN READING

What are these?
One is an ant.
One is a grasshopper.
The grasshopper has wings.
How many legs has he?
He can fly and he can hop.
This little ant has no wings.
Ants have six legs.
Some ants have wings.
Where do ants live?

EXERCISES IN READING



Here are three fishes.
Fishes live in the water.
They have no arms or legs.
They have fins and tails.
Fishes can not walk.
They can swim.
What do fishes eat?
Can they live out of the water?

EXERCISES IN WRITING

ANOTHER LETTER

SANTA ANNA, PAMPANGA, P. I.,
Nov. 20, 1901.

My dear Francisco:

Your letter pleased me very much. I shall be glad to see my scholars again.

When you have learned to read you will like the book my sister has sent me from America. I shall bring it to school when I come.

Yours faithfully,

HENRY JONES.

EXERCISES IN READING

What can you see here?

I see a little boy and his mother.

The boy has yellow hair.

I see long grass, and red and white flowers.

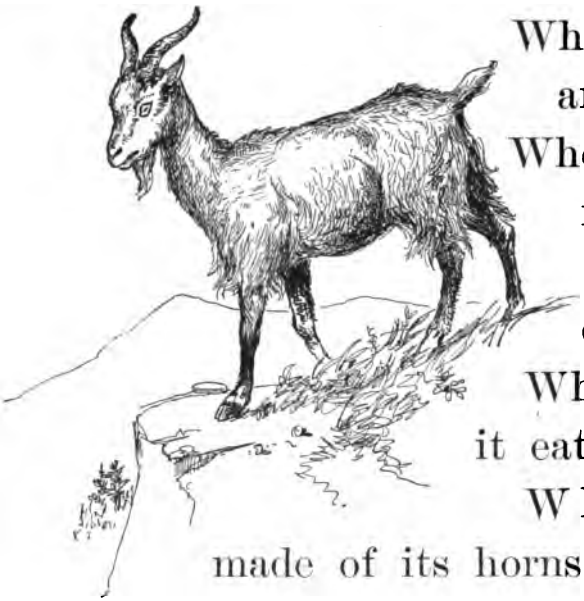
I see some water.

I see ten geese.

They are near the water.

Geese can swim; they can fly too.

EXERCISES IN COMPOSITION



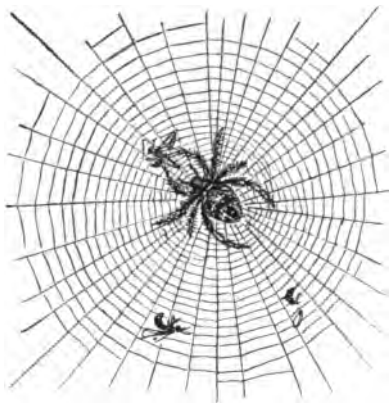
What is this animal? Where does it live? What can it do? What does it eat? What is made of its horns? What is made of its skin?

What other animals have horns?

What other animal has a foot like a goat's?

Is a goat's foot like the hoof of a horse?

EXERCISES IN READING



See this spider.

The spider is in her web.

She has caught a fly.

The web is fine but strong.

We can not make a web that is so fine and strong.

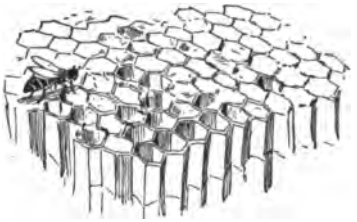
The fly can not get away.

The web is the spider's house.

She made her house very carefully.

Can you tell how a spider makes a web?

How does she know when a fly is in her web?



Bees give us honey.

They make a honeycomb of wax.

Here are some bees at work.

The honey is in the wax cells.

Honey is sweet like sugar.

Where do bees find honey?

They find honey in the flowers.

They carry the honey to the wax cells.

Bees are very clean.

They take good care of their house and of the baby bees.

Some bees make their nests in the ground.

EXERCISES IN READING

This is the ocean.
We can see three or four boats.
Birds are flying over the water.
The water looks green.
See the brown rocks.
The water is white near the rocks.
I can see a little blue sky.

EXERCISES IN READING

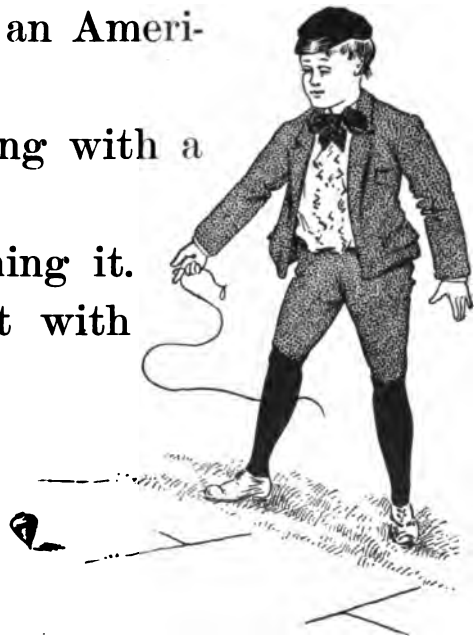
THE PRONOUNS

Please give me my book.
I gave you your book.
This is not yours.
It is mine.
Juan has his book in his hand.
We have our books in our desks.

I see him.	He sees me.
We see her.	She sees us.
You see them.	They see you.

Maria is Juan's sister.
He is her brother.
Two boys are playing with their balls.
Are the other boys playing with theirs?

EXERCISES IN READING



This boy is an American.

He is playing with a top.

He is spinning it.

He spins it with a string.

Have you a top like this?

The top hums like a bee.

Why does it hum?

It hums because it spins so fast.

Boys like to spin tops.

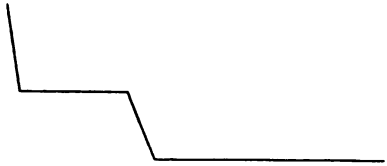
Can you make a top spin on your hand?

EXERCISES IN DRAWING

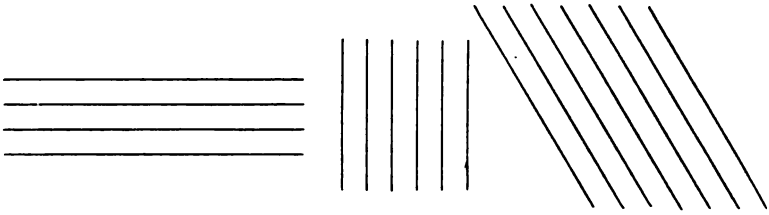
a straight line

a curved line

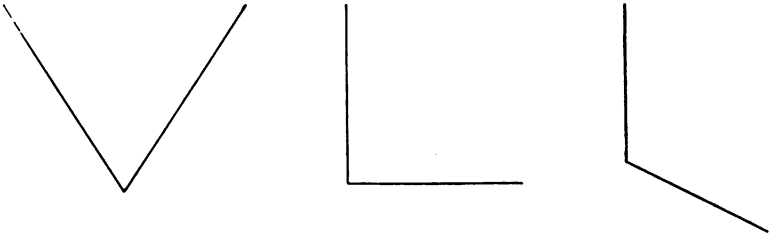
a crooked line



a broken line



parallel lines

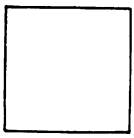


angles

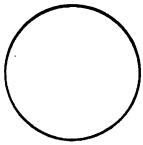
EXERCISES IN READING

Here is some fruit.
Here is a bright red apple.
Here are yellow bananas.
Here are green grapes.
In a glass is some orange juice.
Where do oranges grow?
Where do apples grow?

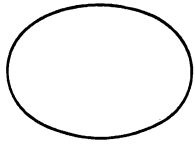
EXERCISES IN DRAWING



a square

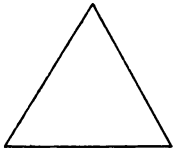


a circle

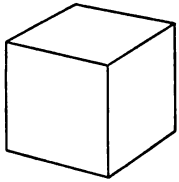


an oval

a half circle

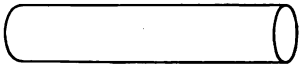


a triangle



a cube

a sphere



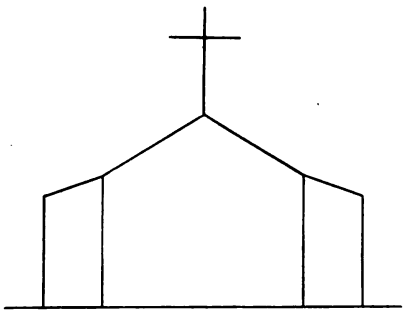
a cylinder

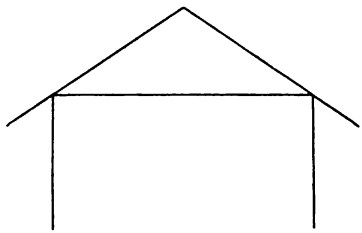
What is shaped like a square?
What is shaped like a circle?
What is shaped like a sphere?
What is shaped like a cylinder?

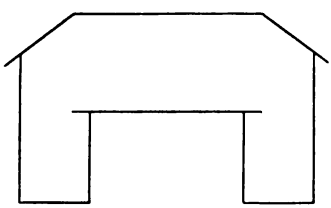
EXERCISES IN READING

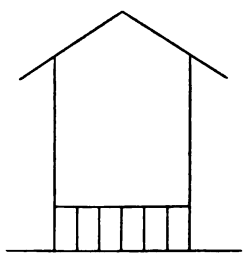
This man is in a boat.
It is a long, narrow boat.
What has he in his hand?
What is he doing?
He is near the bank of the river.
Is it a very wide river?
We can see a house near the river.
We can see a high hill.
The water is smooth.

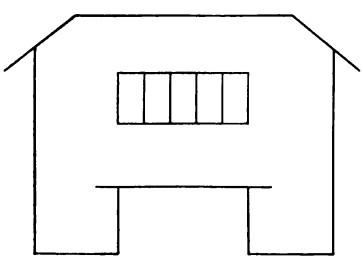
DESIGNS FOR STICK WORK

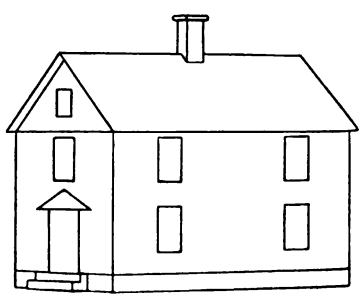












EXERCISES IN READING

Here is a carabao.
What else do you see?
A carabao has long horns.
What does a carabao eat?
The carabao is a useful animal.
Do American farmers use carabaos?

EXERCISES IN READING

See this house in a tree.

Why is it in a tree?

Perhaps there are wild animals near.

Perhaps the ground is wet.

See the boys on the ladder.

They have long poles in their hands.

Should you like to live in a tree?

How many steps are there on the ladder?

Can you see any windows in this house?

In China many people live in boats.

Should you like to live in a boat?

In some countries people live in tents.

EXERCISES IN READING

This is a bird.

He is on a branch of a tree.

What is he doing?

He is singing.

He is a useful little bird.

He eats the insects that eat the leaves.

Be kind to the birds.

They are our good friends.

What birds live here?

In cold countries birds have brown or gray feathers.

In warm countries birds have bright-colored feathers.

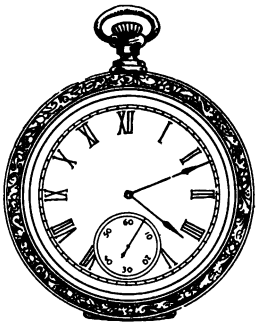
EXERCISES IN READING

Here is an American boat.
See its white sails.
The water looks blue.
Sometimes the water looks green.
Sometimes it looks gray.
What is its true color?
Have you seen a boat like this?

BLACKBOARD EXERCISES

NOTE. These simple pictures, illustrating articles made in America, will suggest lessons in drawing, composition, and dictation.

What are watches used for?
Where are they made?
What are the parts of a watch?



watch
hands
face
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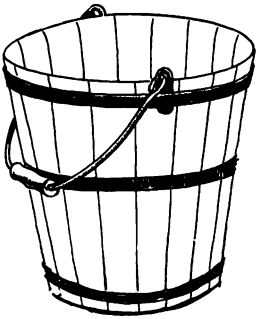
pail
handle
hoops
staves



What are pails used for?
What are the parts of a pail?

EXERCISES IN READING

Here is a señorita.

She has an American bicycle.

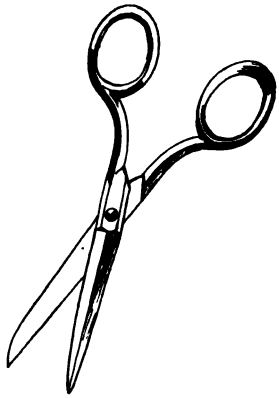
She can ride it very well.

See the big leaves of the banana tree.

Many American children have never seen a banana tree.

BLACKBOARD EXERCISES

scissors
screw
points
blades
handle



What are scissors used for?
What are they made of?
Where are they made?

boot
sole
heel
lacing

Where are boots made?

EXERCISES IN READING

This boy is an American.

He is flying a kite.

He holds the string in his hands.

He wears a cap on his head.

The little girl is his sister.

She wears a hat on her head.

She is watching the kite.

Filipino boys can make good kites.

EXERCISES IN READING

This is maize.

It has a tall stem.

It has smooth green leaves.

The leaves are called "blades."

Grass leaves, too, are called "blades."

What else has a blade?

In America maize is called "corn."

A sweet yellow meal is made from corn.

Corn is good to eat.

Pigs and cows like corn.

It is good food for them and for us.

EXERCISES IN READING

Here is a man on a white horse.

They are on the bank of a river.

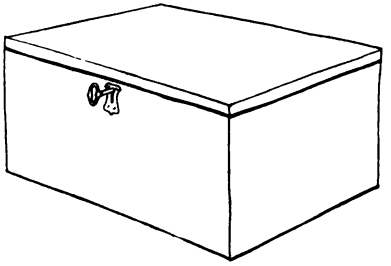
It is not a high bank.

Perhaps they are going to cross the river.

The man holds the reins in his hand.

He wears high boots.

A LESSON ABOUT A BOX



This is a box.
What can we learn about this box?

It has	We can
a top,	open it,
a bottom,	shut it,
four sides,	lock it,
a lid,	unlock it,
a key,	lift it,
a lock,	hold it,
eight corners,	drop it,
twelve edges.	hide it.

We can put things

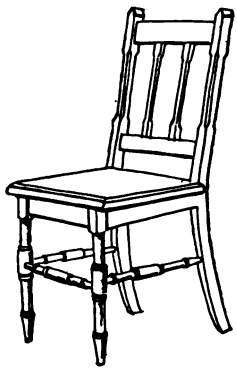
into it,	beside it,
on it,	behind it,
under it,	around it.

EXERCISES IN READING

Here are three cows in a field.
How green the grass is!
One of the cows is lying down.
One is looking across the field.
One is eating the grass.
We can see the roof of a house.

BLACKBOARD EXERCISES

chair
seat
back
legs
rounds



Are chairs used in all countries?

bicycle
tire
saddle
pedal
chain

Where are bicycles made?
What is the saddle made of?
What are the tires made of?

EXERCISES IN READING

These are ants.

They live in an ant-hill.

This ant-hill is in the high grass.

Ants are troublesome in the house.

Kerosene oil will keep the ants away.

Rub it on the floor every week.

Rub it on the legs of the table.

Cocoanut oil will not keep the ants away.

They like to eat it.

What else do they like to eat?

They like sugar and cakes.

These are bats.

They can fly.

They fly very fast, but they make little noise.

They are not birds.

All birds have feathers.

Bats have no feathers.

Bats have smooth, soft fur.

Many of them have large ears.

Bats can not see so well in the light as at night.

Some bats eat flies and other insects.

Some bats like to eat bananas.

There are many bats in the Philippines.

EXERCISES IN READING

This is an elephant.

Elephants live in Asia and Africa.

They are very large and heavy.

They have large ears.

Their eyes are small.

An elephant has tusks and a long trunk.

Where is his mouth?

He picks up his food with his trunk and puts it into his mouth.

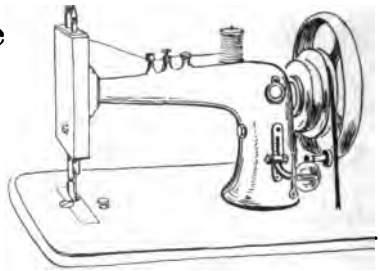
He likes nuts and sweet things.

BLACKBOARD EXERCISES

stove
legs
covers
door
shelf

What is a stove made of?
What is it used for?
What are the parts of a stove?

sewing machine
needle
spool
belt
wheels



What is a sewing machine?
What makes it go?
What can it do?

EXERCISES IN READING

This man is plowing.

He will plant rice.

Is the ground wet or dry?

Rice grows best in wet ground.

Maize grows best in dry ground.

What does the carabao wear on his neck?

This is the Bridge of Spain.
It is in the city of Manila.
It joins the two parts of the city.
On one side is the old city.
This is a walled city.
On the other side is the new city.
This has many new buildings.

EXERCISES IN READING

These flowers grow in America.

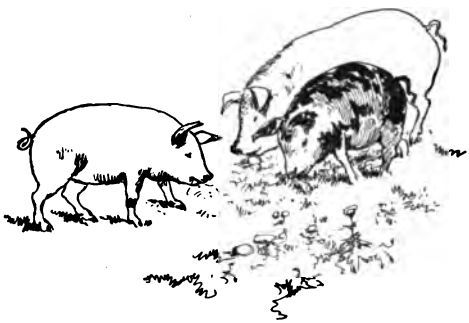
What color are they?

Sometimes they are white with blue spots.

Sometimes they are brown with yellow lines.

Sometimes they are almost black.

These flowers do not need a very warm sun.



We can see three pigs.

Pigs should be kept in a clean place.

They should not run about in the streets.

They should have corn and rice and scraps to eat.

If they have clean food, the pigs will be well.

If their food is not clean and good, they will be ill.

All animals that we eat should be kept well and clean.

In America pigs do not run in the streets.

EXERCISES IN READING

This señorita wears a white waist and a dark skirt.

She carries a fan.

On her left wrist is a bracelet.

I see a ring on her finger.

BLACKBOARD EXERCISES

Explain the following words:

buy	sell	pay for
bought	sold	money
trade	business	

Write complete statements as answers to these oral questions:

What is a shop?

What can you buy at shops?

What do we use in buying and selling?

Are there many kinds of money?

Why is money used?

Give such simple problems in relation to buying and selling as may be readily understood and worked out by the pupils.

EXERCISES IN READING

This is a street in the city of Manila.

Here are many shops.

Many people are coming and going.

We can see a clock on one of the buildings.

There are signs over the shops.

What are the signs for?

This is a small shop.

It is in the country.

It is out of doors.

This shop does not need a sign.

It does not need a door.

The roof keeps off the hot sun.

In warm countries many shops are out of doors.

In America most of the shops are in buildings.

Some American shops are very large.

We could buy hats, and boots, and coats, and jackets, and tools, and fans, and lace, and ribbons at one shop.

Shops are sometimes called "stores."

A Shop in Pampanga Province

BLACKBOARD EXERCISES

HOW TO ASK QUESTIONS

What is this?
What is that?
What is this for?
Where is my book?
Why _____?
Is this _____?
Is that _____?
Are you _____?
Do you _____?
Does it _____?
May I _____?
Will he _____?
Shall we _____?
What shall we _____?
Will you please _____?
How shall I _____?
Can you _____?
When are you _____?
When will you _____?

EXERCISES IN READING

What are these dogs doing?
They are hunting.
Perhaps they are hunting birds.
Each dog wears a collar.
Why do they wear collars?
Are these dogs like our dogs?
Dogs are useful in hunting.
Are they useful in other ways?

EXERCISES IN COMPOSITION

SUGAR

What is sugar?
Where does sugar cane grow?
How does it grow?
What is sugar used for?
How is it made?

COFFEE

What is coffee?
How does it grow?

RICE

What is rice?
How does it grow?
Is it like maize?
Where does it grow?
What is it used for?
Where do we send rice?

EXERCISES IN READING

This is called a "market."

These women have things to sell.

See the big hats and the big baskets.

Some of the women have walked a long way with their baskets.

One basket is full of cakes.

Perhaps there are nuts or fish in the other baskets.

EXERCISES IN PRONUNCIATION

foot	understand	four
cup	is	five
three	his	face
thirty	with	forty
fifty	earth	fourteen

this	then
that	throw
them	put

NOTE. These words are difficult for Filipino children to pronounce, and practice in these sounds will be found helpful. The tendency to make two syllables of a word like *face* is due, of course, to the influence of the Spanish tongue.

Special drill in such forms as *Do you understand? Are they going? You are reading,* will also be necessary.

I do not understand what you say.
Do you remember what I said?
Do not forget to copy your lesson.
Am I writing too quickly?

EXERCISES IN READING

Manila has a good harbor.

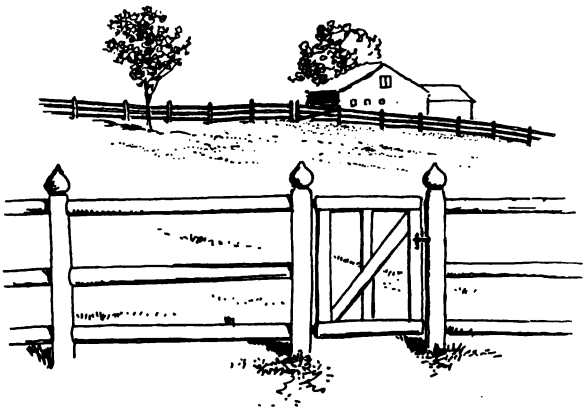
It is often crowded with boats.

Manila has trade with all parts of the world.

We send away hemp and coffee and rice and sugar and many other things.

What other cities have good harbors?

AN EXERCISE IN DRAWING



fence
rails
posts
gate
latch

NOTE. These exercises may also be used as language lessons. Ask questions similar to these:

What is a fence?

What are fences made of?

What are the parts of a fence?

What makes a good fence?

Is this fence like those in the Philippines?

Can you draw a picture of a fence you have seen?

EXERCISES IN READING

This is a street in a small town.

It is in the province of Luzon.

I can see a hill with a church on it.

I see a boy at a window.

I see children in the street.

There are fences on both sides of the street.

It is not like the street in Manila.

What can we see in the sky at night?

At night we can see the stars and sometimes the moon.

Why do we not see the stars by day?

We can not see the stars by day because the sunlight is so much brighter than the starlight.

Is the sun near us?

The sun is very far away.

Is the moon far away?

The moon is much nearer than the sun.

Are the stars far away?

The stars are farther away than the sun.

EXERCISES IN READING

This is the ocean at night.

See the moon in the sky.

We can see four boats.

One boat is near a rock.

We can see the moonlight on the water.

How many sails has the large boat?

What else can you see on the boat?

Can we see the sun every day?

No; sometimes clouds cover the sky.

What comes from the clouds?

Rain comes from the clouds.

Where does the water in the clouds come from?

The water comes from the ocean.

How does the water go from the ocean to the clouds?

The warm sun draws it up in vapor.

Can we see it going up into the clouds?

We cannot always see it; sometimes we can.

EXERCISES IN READING

See how it rains!

The clouds are black and heavy.

The river may overflow its banks.

Men can go across the river on the bridge.

In the wet season there is much rain in the Philippines.

What is a farmer?

A farmer is a man who plants and raises crops.

What does he plant?

He may plant rice, or hemp, or coffee, or sugar, or tobacco.

What tools does he use?

He uses a plow, a hoe, a spade, a rake, and other tools.

How does he plant fine seed?

He plants fine seed by sowing it over the ground?

Then what does he do?

He covers it with fine earth.

EXERCISES IN READING

This man is an American farmer.

He is sowing wheat.

Wheat makes a fine white flour.

The flour is used to make bread.

We can see the farmer's house and his big barn.

Do you see the windmill?

Why are the birds flying so near?

It is never very cold in the Philippines.

The clouds give us rain.

In America the weather is sometimes very cold.

Then the rain changes to snow.

Snow does not look like drops of water.

It looks like little white feathers.

It is soft and wet and cold.

It covers the ground and the roofs of the houses.

It makes the trees look white.

In very cold weather the rivers and lakes are covered with ice.

Ice is not soft like snow. It is hard and brittle. It looks like glass.

EXERCISES IN READING

This looks strange to you.

It is a snowstorm in America.

American children like to play in the snow.

They like to make snowballs.

They wear high rubber boots so that they can walk in the deep snow.

How does the sun help us?

The sun gives us heat and light. Nothing would grow without sunlight.

How does the wind help us?

The wind brings us clouds and rain. It sends the ships across the sea.

How does the ocean help us?

The ocean carries our ships. It sends up vapor to make rain.

How does the earth help us?

The earth feeds the seeds that we plant. It gives us much of our food.

What else does the earth give us?

EXERCISES IN READING

What do you see in this picture?

There is a river with a boat on it.

There is a house with a red chimney.

There are high hills.

There is a green bank with trees on it.

I see a water wheel near the house.

EXERCISES IN READING

This man is deaf.

He can not hear.

Some men can not see.

Some men can not walk.

Men who can not see are blind.

Men who can not walk are lame.

We should be kind to those who can not hear, and see, and walk.

It is wrong to laugh at them.

We should try to help them.

Think how unhappy you would be if you were deaf, or blind, or lame.

EXERCISES IN READING

This is a little American boy.
He has broken his arm.
He must stay in bed.
See how clean and white the bed is!
The doctor will make his arm well.
It is good to be well and strong.
Doctors tell us how to keep well.
Some day every town in the Philippines will have a doctor.

COURTESIES OF SPEECH

Good morning. How do you do?
I am very well, I thank you.

Good evening.
Good night. } *Used only in leave-taking.*
Good-by.

Will you please show me the way to the plaza?
With the greatest pleasure.

Allow me to open the door for you.
Thank you very much.

Excuse me for going before you.
Certainly.

A pleasant journey to you!

EXERCISES IN READING

This is a room in a house in America.

There is a large rug on the floor.

There are chairs and tables in the room.

There are pictures on the walls.

EXERCISES IN READING

A fence is made of wood or iron.
A wall is made of stone.

A road goes through the country.
A street is in the city or town.

We walk on the sidewalk.
Horses go in the street.

A city street is often paved with stone or wood.

It is lighted with electric lights.

There are no holes in the streets.

The sidewalks are kept clean.

Sidewalks are often made of stone or brick.

This is a house in America.

See the stone wall and the smooth driveway.

There is a lamp post on the wall.

The sidewalk is smooth and wide.

All roads should be hard and smooth.

How can we make our roads better?

Bicycles will not go well on rough roads.

These men are working.

They are hoeing the ground.

Why are they hoeing the ground?

Perhaps they will plant rice.

Perhaps they will plant hemp.

Ground must be plowed or hoed before it is planted.

EXERCISES IN READING

How many chickens do you see?
One is on the flower pot.
Six are on the ground.
There is a blue dish on the ground.
The chickens have bright eyes.
One is a yellow chicken.
What color are the other chickens?

EXERCISES IN READING

NOTE. Explain the formation of plurals.

REGULAR

one book	two books
one pen	three pens
one dish	two dishes

IRREGULAR

one man	two men
one foot	two feet
one tooth	two teeth
one child	two children
one leaf	two leaves
	two fishes
one fish	many fishes
	or many fish
one sheep	two sheep
one deer	two deer

EXERCISES IN READING

This is a schoolhouse in an American city.

Many children can go here to school.

Rich children and poor children go to this school.

We see the American flag.

Americans think all children should go to school.

EXERCISES IN READING

An anchor is made of iron.

A knife blade is made of steel.

Iron and steel are metals.

Copper, tin, zinc, and lead are metals.

Gold and silver are called fine metals.

They are used to make money, and rings, and bracelets.

Brass is made of copper and zinc.

Many metals are found in the Philippines.

They are found in the earth.

The earth gives us metals, and food, and clothes.

What is there in this room that is made of metal?

EXERCISES IN READING

See these big bells.

They are church bells.

Why are they on the ground?

They were taken from the churches to make cannon.

Cannon are large guns.

Do you know how cannon are usually made?

What are bells made of?

BLACKBOARD EXERCISES

I am writing carefully.
I am writing carelessly.

I have been walking quickly.
I have been walking slowly.

You are prompt.
Juan is late.

You are ready to work now.
Juan will not be ready to-day.

Are you going to ride to-day?
I shall go to ride to-morrow.

Will you go to walk with me?
I shall be glad to go with you.

EXERCISES IN COMPOSITION

What do you see in this picture?
What are these people doing?
Tell a story about the picture.

This is a well-dressed gentleman.

In the morning he takes a bath.

He puts on his underclothes and stockings.

He brushes his hair.

He wears a clean white collar, cuffs, and a necktie.

He wears trousers, a coat, and a waistcoat.

When he goes into the street he puts on his hat and sometimes his gloves.

If it is cold, he wears an overcoat.

EXERCISES IN COMPOSITION

Tell what you see in this picture.
What is the house made of?
What are the men doing?
What are the girls doing?
What are the chickens waiting for?
Why do we pound rice?

EXERCISES IN READING

This is another American school.

This is in the country.

The children are playing games.

The teacher stands at the door.

When the bell rings the children will go to their desks.

What games do you like to play?

EXERCISES IN READING

These are monkeys.

Where are they?

They have long tails and long arms.

They can swing from tree to tree.

Have you ever seen a monkey?

Monkeys eat fruit, young birds, and birds' eggs.

They can find all these in the trees.

Do monkeys make good pets?

Do you think they are pretty?

Monkeys are very mischievous.

They are not clean.

Are there many monkeys in the Philippines?

EXERCISES IN READING

These are American children.
The boy is picking apples.
The girl stands on the ladder.
She can not reach the apples.
The boy gives them to her.
She puts them into her basket.
The basket is nearly full of apples.

EXERCISES IN READING

What grows on this tree?

One day a man wished to get some cocoanuts.

They were high above his head.

He could not reach them.

He could not climb the tree.

He saw some monkeys in the tree.

He threw little stones at the monkeys.

They threw cocoanuts at him.

Soon he had all the cocoanuts that were on the tree.

EXERCISES IN READING

This young man is studying.

He is learning his lessons for tomorrow.

On the table there are books and papers and a pen.

He does not need an inkstand.

His pen is a fountain pen.

EXERCISES IN READING

This is a music room in America.

One of the young women is playing the piano.

The others are singing.

One of them holds a sheet of music.

What kind of music do you like?

These children are having a good time.

They live near the ocean.

A little girl is driving the pony.

He is very gentle and good.

The carriage is like a big basket on wheels.

EXERCISES IN READING

This is a building in Manila.

Tell the names of everything you can see in the picture.

In this building is the office of the Superintendent of Education.

America has sent many teachers to the Philippines.

EXERCISES IN READING

Have you ever seen a mountain?

A mountain is a very high hill.

Sometimes clouds hide the top of a mountain.

The tops of very high mountains are covered with snow.

A few mountains are volcanoes.

Fire and smoke sometimes come out of the top of a volcano.

There are many mountains in America.

One of them is named Mount Washington.

It is named for the first American president.

In Pampanga Province there is a mountain which is very beautiful.

EXERCISES IN READING

This man was a famous American.

He was the first American president.

He was good and brave and wise.

The American people loved him very much.

His name was George Washington.

He lived more than a hundred years ago.

He was very tall and strong.

He was a great general.

American children can tell many stories about George Washington.

America has had many presidents.

This man is Theodore Roosevelt.

He became president in 1901.

Mr. Roosevelt is a brave soldier.

He has done much for his country.

He has written books that you would like to read.

Great men must be wise and brave and strong.

They must speak the truth.

Who are some of the great men of the Philippines?

Why are they famous?

OUR NEW SCHOOLS

NOTE. Some of the older children may learn the following dialogue without much effort. It is an exercise which, if well carried out, gives much pleasure both to the pupils and to their parents.

Scene. — A Village Street

Enter, from opposite sides, JUAN *and* LORENZO

JUAN. Good morning, Lorenzo.

LOR. Good morning, Juan. You look very happy.

JUAN. I am very happy. My teacher has told me good news.

LOR. What did he tell you?

JUAN. He says that I have learned my lessons so well that next year he will make me an assistant teacher.

LOR. And why does that make you happy?

JUAN. Because I wish to help my people to learn to read and write.

LOR. Why should we learn the American language? It is a great deal of trouble.

JUAN. My teacher says that every new language is a door opening into a new part of the world.

LOR. What can the Americans do for us?

JUAN. The Americans will help us to know more and to live better. We need to know more about machinery, for instance. Machinery would help us very much.

LOR. Here comes José. You must talk to him. He will not go to school.

Enter JOSÉ

JUAN. Good morning, José.

JOSÉ. Buenos días.

JUAN. Will you go to school with me this morning, José?

JOSÉ. No te entiendo.

LORENZO *and* JUAN *laugh.* JOSÉ *goes out shaking his head and muttering to himself*

Enter FRANCISCO

FRAN. Good morning, boys. You look very happy. What is the news?

LOR. Good news. Juan is to teach in the American school.

FRAN. Good! He has done well. Now you shall hear my good news.

LOR. and JUAN. Tell us, please.

FRAN. In December I am going to work in Manila.

LOR. We are very glad.

JUAN. Shall you earn much money?

FRAN. Yes, I shall earn three hundred dollars a year.

LOR. That is good news indeed.

FRAN. Yes. Now I can help my father and mother. They will not have to work so hard.

JUAN. You have been studying a long time.

FRAN. Yes, and my American teacher has helped me very much.

LOR. I wish I could earn three hundred dollars.

JUAN. Come and talk to my teacher. He will help you. He says the teachers have come here to help us.

FRAN. Come. I will go with you.

José comes running in with books under his arm

LOR. O boys, José is going to school!

FRAN. Three cheers for José!

LOR. Perhaps I will go with him.

FRAN. Then we will give you three cheers.

JUAN. Let us all give three cheers for the new schools!

ALL. Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah!

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